

D. C. GRAND LODGE OF MASONS ELECTS

James W. Witten Is Elevated to Rank of Grand Master of Masons.

W. W. JERMANE IS HONORED

Entire List of Grand Lodge Officers Is Advanced in the Balloting.

James W. Witten was elevated to the rank of grand master of Grand Lodge of Masons at the annual election at Masonic Temple last night. "Judge" Witten, who has served for the past year as deputy grand master, succeeds William W. Jermane. Past Grand Master Jermane was presented with a handsome gold and diamond chain by James P. Schack, president of the Grand Masters' Association, when he turned the gavel over to "Judge" Witten last night.

The new grand master is a native of Missouri, but has spent most of his life in Washington in the employ of the Government. More than thirty years ago he entered the Pension Office as a clerk, but subsequently resigned to practice law. He later returned to the Interior Department, and at present is assistant attorney in the office of the solicitor for the Interior department. "Judge" Witten spends most of his time in the West, where he is engaged in settlement of Indian and other land claims. He has been a member of Washington Centennial Lodge, No. 14, for the past twenty years.

All Officers Advanced.

The entire line of officers of the grand lodge was advanced at last night's elections. The balloting resulted as follows:

Deputy grand master, Lem Tower, Jr.; senior grand warden, Joseph H. Milana; junior grand warden, J. Harry Cunningham; grand secretary, Arvine W. Johnston; grand treasurer, Henry K. Simpson; grand marshal, Charles J. O'Neill; senior grand deacon, Charles C. Coombs; junior grand deacon, Mark F. Finley; grand sword bearer, Charles F. Roberts; grand purveyor, Roy Fulkerson; senior grand steward, Sydney R. Jacobs; trustee for three years, Albert F. Fox; corporate in Masonic Hall Association, Walter Streeter.

The appointive positions were filled by Grand Master Witten as follows:

Junior grand steward, E. J. Ayres; grand lecturer, Thomas H. Young; grand chaplain, Hugh T. Stevenson; assistant grand chaplain, Ulysses G. H. Pierce; grand tiler, Warren C. Bickford.

Ayers is Interior Chief Clerk.

E. J. Ayres, the new junior grand steward, who in the course of time will become grand master of Masons in the District of Columbia, is chief clerk of the Interior Department. He is a native of New Jersey, and entered the Government service in 1896. He is a past master of Stansberry Lodge, of Brightwood, and is connected with a number of other Masonic activities. The new junior grand steward is the only member of Stansberry Lodge who has been made an officer of the grand lodge in twenty-five years.

At last night's meeting a special committee reported on the annual report of Retiring Grand Master Jermane, and warmly commended him for his faithful services and the progress made by the organization.

WILL REPEAT TRAGEDY

Drama League to Give Second Performance for High Schools.

Teachers and pupils in the high school English classes are to be the special beneficiaries of the additional performance of "The Tragedy of Nan," by John Massfield, to be given at the Wilson Normal School January 4 and 5, by the Drama League Players.

The additional performances are being given at the request of many friends of the Drama League who were unable to attend the performances that were given December 14 and 15.

The Drama League Players have already begun to use their "workshop" at 132 V street for the rehearsal of plays and for meetings. The program of plays for January has been worked out and rehearsals have already commenced. The "workshop" will be used in the future for rehearsals, reading and study.

The success that has met the first efforts of the players for this season has brought to the ranks a considerable number of applications. It is the hope of the officers of the league that the members of the playing section can be so built up as to give the league a wide range of parts and a capacity for producing almost any sort of drama.

The cast that will be seen in "The Tragedy of Nan" next week will be the same as that which presented the original performances, including Misses Edna Ellis, Dorothy Hellman, Lillian Nichol, Mary Elizabeth Siddons and Josephine Mitchell, Maurice Jarvis, Edwin Ludwig, Lewis Moneysay, Arthur White, Walter Stahr, Bennett Mead and Lewis Fisher.

G. A. R. COMMANDER HERE

Levant Dodge, of Kentucky, Visits Kit Carson Post.

Levant Dodge, past junior vice commander in chief of Kentucky, visited the Kit Carson Post, No. 2, G. A. R., at Grand Army Hall last night. He made a short address.

Officers of the past were re-elected at a recent meeting. They follow: John McElroy, commander; H. T. Duncan, senior vice commander; J. T. Ryan, junior vice commander; A. D. Bennett, quartermaster; E. D. Godfrey, chaplain; John Middleton, patriotic instructor; H. S. Hayden, surgeon, and W. T. Kelly, officer of the post.

CHURCH TO ELECT OFFICERS.

The annual election of Almas Temple, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, will be held Friday night at the Masonic Temple. L. Whiting Stone has been nominated for potentate.

PROMOTION ANNOUNCED

T. Frank Morgan Given New Post at Printing Office.

Public Printer Ford has announced the promotion of T. Frank Morgan to superintendent of work at the Government Printing Office. Mr. Morgan formerly held the position of foreman of printing and assistant superintendent of work at the Government Printing Office.

The office to which Mr. Morgan has been appointed was recently left vacant by the promotion of Captain Daniel V. Chisholm to deputy public printer.

CHANGES MADE AT BIG PRINTING OFFICE

Appointments, Separations and Transfers Made by Public Printer Ford.

Public Printer Ford today put into effect the following changes in the Government Printing Office:

Appointments—John F. King, temporary compositor; Miss Louise G. Ward, monotype keyboard operator; Shelley K. Kieffer, temporary compositor.

Separations—Roland S. Perry, temporary skilled laborer; Vernon E. Mills, temporary skilled laborer; Tacker P. Polk, bookbinder, resigned.

Transfers, etc.—Henry H. Smith, skilled laborer, 25 cents an hour, from office of superintendent of documents to pamphlet binding section; Miss Mary P. Mealy, temporary skilled laborer, 25 cents an hour, from office of superintendent of documents to ruling and sewing section; Fred L. Tarbox, from helper, 45 cents an hour, to office man, 60 cents an hour, foundry section; Charles A. R. Jacobs, from skilled laborer, 25 cents an hour, to machine helper, 35 cents an hour, linotype section; Henry E. Halliday, from compositor, 50 cents an hour, to make-up, 60 cents an hour, linotype section; Ernest E. Wear, from compositor, 50 cents an hour, linotype section; Jesse C. Shoemaker, from helper, 50 cents an hour, store division, to counter, 35 cents an hour, press division; Frank B. Bloom, from messenger, \$940 per annum, office of chief clerk, to helper, 45 cents an hour, stores division; Elmer P. Hardy, probationary skilled laborer, 25 cents an hour, from night to day; Ambrose Richardson, probationary skilled laborer, hand section, from day to night; William E. Rockwell, from clerk, \$1,400 per annum, to clerk, \$1,600 per annum, office of the superintendent of work; Sumner E. Healy, from messenger boy, 15 cents an hour, to skilled laborer, 25 cents an hour, linotype section (night); Ralph L. Harris, from messenger, 35 cents an hour, office of the superintendent of work, to clerk, \$900 per annum, office of the purchasing agent; John G. Rockett, from clerk, \$1,000 per annum, office of the purchasing agent, to receiving clerk, \$1,200 per annum, stores division; Reed E. Martin, clerk, \$800 per annum, office of the purchasing agent; James G. Roche, from messenger, 25 cents an hour, proof section, to messenger, \$940 per annum, office of the chief clerk; John White, from temporary unskilled laborer, buildings division; Mrs. Jennie Lusby, from press division, to skilled laborer, 25 cents an hour, ruling and sewing section.

MISSIONARY UNION TO MEET

"What Protestantism Has Done for World," Is Topic.

The December meeting of the Woman's Interdenominational Missionary Union will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock in the Public Library. Mrs. Henry Anstadt, vice president, will preside.

The subject for discussion is "What Protestantism Has Done for the World," with Mrs. C. P. Wiley, of Philadelphia, as lecturer. The closing words will be given by Mrs. F. M. McCoy.

VOORMAN TO SPEAK.

Assistant Secretary of Agriculture Voorman is in Columbia, Ohio, today to address conventions of the American Economic Association and the American Statistical Association. Tomorrow evening Mr. Voorman will address the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association at Cincinnati.

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MILLIONS SPENT FOR RELIEF DURING YEAR

Government Agencies Deal Out Enormous Fund, Both Here and in Europe.

RED CROSS DISTRIBUTES

15,500 Guardsmen and Regulars Helped by Fund by War Department.

Millions were paid out by governmental agencies in Washington during the year just coming to a close to relieve suffering caused by the European war and the American army's Mexican expedition.

The War Department has completely exhausted the \$1,000,000 appropriation made by Congress for relief of dependent families of militia and regulars on the border. Relief payments are now being made out of the additional fund of \$2,500,000 appropriated by Congress before recessing for the Christmas holidays. This sum will carry the relief work on to March 31.

\$2,443,785 Contributed.

For European war relief work the American Red Cross in the period from the beginning of war up to December 1 received contributions in cash amounting to \$2,443,785, and donations of supplies worth \$75,000. The total European war expenditures up to September 1, the last figures available, were \$2,053,513.

In addition to the contributions through governmental agencies millions have been collected by relief committees for relief of Belgians, Armenians, Syrians and Jewish residents of the war-torn countries. As an illustration of the proportion of these contributions reached during the year a single meeting in New York last week pledged \$250,000 for Jewish relief.

Private Contributions.

Private agencies also contributed to swell the fund contributed to aid families of soldiers on the border. The American Red Cross, through local chapters, paid out nearly \$200,000 for this relief. Individual organizations in other cities, notably Washington and New York, solicited funds for this same purpose, no aggregate of which can be obtained.

The \$2,000,000 fund paid out by the War Department was distributed among the families of 15,500 guardsmen and regulars who made application for relief. These applications are being received at the War Department at the average rate of 125 a day. Daily payments average from \$50,000 to \$75,000.

Many Payments Made.

On an average 250 payments have been made every day this month. First payments vary from \$50 to \$300, and this first payment covers the period from the time of the President's call, June 18, or to the date of the soldier's enlistment, if he joined after the call, up to the time the application was approved. Monthly thereafter payments will be made as long as the soldier is in the Federal service.

The average payment to each guardsman's family is \$25, but many receive the full maximum payment of \$300 a month. The amount allotted to each family is gauged by the amount the guardsman previously contributed to its support.

An interesting compilation by the Red Cross of its European war relief work shows how the funds were distributed in collecting subscriptions the Red Cross stipulated that general subscriptions be distributed as it saw fit. Of the cash fund of \$2,443,785, all but about \$250,000 was given unconditionally. The rest was contributed to its support.

Men's Underwear & Furnishing Needs

Small lot of Men's Wright's Health Underwear, shirts only, lamb's wool fleece, slight imperfections. Sold regularly at \$1.25 each. Reduced to 75c.

Men's Bath Slippers, made of blanket cloth, with padded soles and carpet bottoms. Worth 50c pair. Reduced to 25c.

Men's Fleece Wool Sweaters, light and dark colors, with V-neck, V-neck style. Worth \$2.50 each. Friday at \$1.50.

Men's Natural Wool Underwear, with plumb back, heavy weight; shirts and drawers to match. Worth \$1.50 each. Reduced to 95c.

Men's "Panties" Nightgown, of heavy weight, with "elbow" flannel; size 15 only. Worth \$1.00 and \$1.50 each. Reduced to 50c.

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Received Bulk of Funds.

A Red Cross report on expenditure of funds by countries shows that the entire allies received the bulk of the Red Cross funds. The expenditures by countries according to incomplete reports to date, were as follows:

Belgium, \$17,750; to Belgian committee, \$11,704; England, \$130,610; France, \$445,161; Italy, \$47,888; Montenegro, \$19,510; Russia, \$124,872; Serbia, \$234,203. Total, \$1,121,766.

Among central powers:

Austria, \$95,330; Bulgaria, \$3,393; Germany, \$122,029; Turkey, \$14,480; prisoners in Africa and Siberia, \$113,422. Total, \$348,660.

The Red Cross is contemplating another appeal to Americans on the half of European war sufferers owing to the rapid depletion of the relief fund.

NEWS FROM ROCKVILLE

Horses Perish When Barn Burns, With Loss of \$5,000.

Late Tuesday night the new barn on the farm of John Walter Garlin, near Buck Lodge, was destroyed by fire, as were a large quantity of hay, straw, feed, and agricultural implements. Several valuable horses perished in the flames. The total loss is placed at about \$5,000, partially covered by insurance. The origin of the fire is not known.

The Rockville Presbyterian Sunday school held its annual Christmas entertainment last evening. It was in charge of the superintendent, Joseph Leading, and included recitations, the singing of carols, an address by the pastor of the church, the Rev. John R. Henderson, and the distribution of gifts to the children.

COMMITTEE WILL HEAR GUARDSMEN

Hearings on Universal Training Will Be Resumed on January 3.

The Senate Military Affairs Committee will resume hearings on universal training as soon as the holiday recess is over. January 3 is the date when the next testimony will be taken.

Senator Chamberlain, chairman of the subcommittee which is conducting the hearings, intends to give the various societies which are interested in universal training or are opposed to it a chance to send representatives.

It has been suggested that Colonel Roosevelt might appear. He is an enthusiast on military training. But it was stated at the quarters of the committee today that nothing is known of his planning to be heard. The subcommittee would gladly hear him.

Representatives of the national guard will be heard, among others. They will be asked about the guard's experience on the Mexican border. It is understood that a number of the guard have advised the subcommittee that the guard is a failure so far as being a well-molded instrument of universal training.

Senator Chamberlain hopes to get the bill reported to the Senate in a short time. Unless it is soon reported, it cannot be passed before March 4.

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DISCUSS PLANS FOR INAUGURAL EXHIBIT

Men in Charge of Arrangements Go Over Preliminary Work of Preparation.

Plans for the pre-inaugural Government exhibit were discussed at a conference this afternoon between James L. Wilmett, chief clerk of the Treasury Department; Edward F. Colladay, chairman of the inaugural exhibit committee, and Charles A. Shreve, president of the Federation of Citizens' Associations.

With the appointment of subcommittees and the opening of headquarters at the Powhatan Hotel the committee has begun in earnest the work of preparing for the entertainment of the thousands of visitors who are expected in Washington during the week preceding March 4.

The committee on publicity and finance of which William McF. Clayton is chairman, aided by John L. Martin and William P. Kennedy, publicity directors, will begin next week a publicity campaign which will reach every section of the country.

Meeting of the subcommittees to arrange for various details will be held at the Powhatan next week. The question of a permanent State exhibit also will be discussed.

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